IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 4:18CR3006
VS.) TENTATIVE) FINDINGS
MARK M. ACKERMAN,)
Defendant.)

I am in receipt of the revised presentence investigation report and addendum, and the defendant's objections thereto and variance motion, in this case.

IT IS ORDERED that:

- (1) The undersigned will consult and follow or deviate from the Guidelines to the extent permitted and required by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220(2005) and subsequent cases. In this regard, the undersigned gives notice that, unless otherwise ordered, he will (a) give the advisory Guidelines such weight as they deserve within the context of each individual case and will filter the Guidelines general advice through §3553(a)'s list of factors; (b) resolve all factual disputes relevant to sentencing by the greater weight of the evidence and without the aid of a jury; (c) impose upon the government the burden of proof on all Guideline-enhancements; (d) impose upon the defendant the burden of proof on all Guideline-mitigators; (e) depart from the advisory Guidelines, if appropriate, using pre-Booker departure theory; and (f) in cases where a departure using pre-Booker departure theory is not warranted, deviate or vary from the Guidelines when there is a principled reason for doing so. I no longer give the Guidelines "substantial weight."
- (2) The defendant's objections to presentence investigation report (filing no. 36) and variance motion (filing no. 35) will be resolved at a one-hour evidentiary hearing, with sentencing to follow, on Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

(3) Except to the extent (if at all) that I have sustained an objection or

granted a motion or reserved an issue for later resolution in the preceding paragraph,

the parties are herewith notified that my tentative findings are that the presentence

report is correct in all respects.

(4) If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, said party shall,

as soon as possible, but in any event at least five (5) business days before sentencing,

file in the court file and serve upon opposing counsel and the court a motion

challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are

required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting

the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law and (c) if an

evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing

is necessary and how long such a hearing would take.

(5) Absent submission of the information required by the preceding

paragraph of this order, my tentative findings may become final and the presentence

report may be adopted and relied upon by me without more.

(6) Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative

findings shall be resolved at sentencing.

August 21, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Richard G. Kopf

Senior United States District Judge

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